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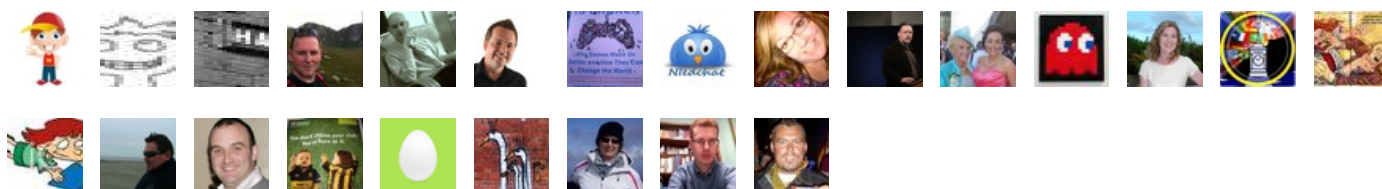
Classroom Assistants

#NIedchat 26th September 2012

Trending Words

@dmchugh675, @mapsman,
@dmurray742, @medv2, -, ca, rt,
time, classroom, role, cas, teaching,
good, need, see

Event Participants





Did you watch the Panorama show last night - Reading, Writing & Rip-offs? Share you thoughts....
<http://t.co/tVct6HMG> #ukedchat #niedchat

25-Sep-12 09:56 | gametolearnuk



All the general info needed for #HowILearn and the links to the posts so far! <http://t.co/9GUi8JGP> #edchat
 #edchatie #edchatuk #niedchat

25-Sep-12 13:03 | AnseoAMuinteoir



Just set up edmodo a/c. Can I get pupils to see each other's comments so a discussion can develop, like it can in a wiki? #niedchat

25-Sep-12 15:21 | lcgeography



@lcgeography Yep. They just send there note to the class rather than to their teacher. You can also put then into smaller groups. #niedchat

25-Sep-12 17:01 | dmchugh675



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 #edchatie #edchatuk #niedchat :)

25-Sep-12 17:53 | AnseoAMuinteoir



Loving @edmodo - something else to annoy my colleagues with now, but it's a great learning and teaching tool. #niedchat

25-Sep-12 20:37 | dmurray742



"@dmurray742: Loving @edmodo - something else to annoy my colleagues with now, but it's a great learning and teaching tool. #niedchat"

25-Sep-12 20:37 | kvnmcl



RT @dmurray742: Loving @edmodo - something else to annoy my colleagues with now, but it's a great learning and teaching tool. #niedchat

25-Sep-12 21:42 | MrMalcontent



@dmchugh675 What are we talking about tomorrow night? Any white smoke? #Niedchat

25-Sep-12 22:32 | dmurray742



The people have spoken! <http://t.co/Q1ZRt2p7> #Niedchat discusses how teachers can best utilise classroom assistants - Wednesday at 8.30pm.

25-Sep-12 22:37 | Nledchat



RT @Nledchat: The people have spoken! <http://t.co/Q1ZRt2p7> #Niedchat discusses how teachers can best utilise classroom assistants - Wedn ...

25-Sep-12 22:38 | dmurray742



RT @Nledchat: ! <http://t.co/4ckBTKXM> #Niedchat discusses how teachers can best utilise classroom assistants - Wed. 8.30pm. @PatrickMcElroy1

25-Sep-12 22:42 | helenhamill



@helenhamill @Nledchat Yeh-hoooo! It's gonna be some craic tmrrw. Make sure you're there 4 #niedchat Helen - we'll need ur take on things

25-Sep-12 22:47 | dmurray742



@medv2 @helenhamill This teacher didn't realise that! #niedchat

25-Sep-12 22:49 | dmchugh675



@helenhamill @Nledchat Do be there and stay4 the duration. It's an important discussion that needs to happen. That's the beauty of #niedchat

25-Sep-12 22:49 | dmurray742



@dmchugh675 can you do a shared docs thing on #niedchat? if not they are no use to ya.

26-Sep-12 17:51 | helenhamill



C2k, iOS maps and the 80/20 rule - new blogpost at <http://t.co/RnUgHGNn> #Niedchat #csin2012

26-Sep-12 18:03 | computing_teach



@niedchat amd scundered (two r's?) i have to miss tonight's chats. An anonymous rep may input a few points for me...really gutted! #niedchat

26-Sep-12 18:05 | helenhamill



...and better blogs on Planet CAS: <http://t.co/3Olpiay6> #csin2012 #niedchat

26-Sep-12 18:05 | computing_teach



#Nledchat in an hour is looking at the role of classroom assistants in NI's classrooms. Please join in the conversation.

26-Sep-12 18:30 | Nledchat



I'm Damien, I teach History and Geography in Holy Cross College, Strabane and I'll be hosting #Nledchat tonight.

26-Sep-12 18:39 | dmchugh675



That last one was a scheduling error ...*blushes* #niedchat

26-Sep-12 18:40 | dmchugh675



Oh, no! It's true:-) RT @cmccoy605: Teaching in pictures #niedchat <http://t.co/uzsT6Eou>

26-Sep-12 18:49 | m2thefizzle



@m2thefizzle @cmccoy605 The last one doesn't have to be true imho. #niedchat

26-Sep-12 18:50 | dmchugh675



#Nledchat in half an hour. Tonight we're discussing the vital role played by the classroom assistant.

26-Sep-12 19:00 | Nledchat



#Niedchat in 15mins is discussing the role of the classroom assistant. Feel free to join the conversation.

26-Sep-12 19:16 | Nledchat



RT @Nledchat: #Niedchat in 15mins is discussing the role of the classroom assistant. Feel free to join the conversation.

26-Sep-12 19:19 | computing_teach



I'm hosting #Nledchat in 10mins. Apologies in advance for the busy timelines.

26-Sep-12 19:20 | dmchugh675



If you're thinking of taking part in #Nledchat in 5 mins please un-protect your account otherwise only your followers will see you!

26-Sep-12 19:25 | Nledchat



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26-Sep-12 19:25 | dmchugh675



Hello everyone. Dáithí here from @stpaulsbessbrook - really looking forward to tonight's discussion. #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:31 | dmurray742



RT @cmccoy605: Teaching in pictures #niedchat <http://t.co/mbzMLk9L>

26-Sep-12 19:32 | susandhealy



@dmurray742 @stpaulsbessbrook Hi Daithi. A few regulars are otherwise engaged tonight. I hope the topic hasn't scared them off! #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:32 | dmchugh675



#Niedchat Tim, Geog teacher at Slemish College in Ballymena. Mostly lurking tonight . . . and marking coursework

26-Sep-12 19:33 | mapsman



#niedchat Joh in Maoy just lurking

26-Sep-12 19:33 | johnmayo



@dmchugh675 @dmurray742 chickens the lot of em #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:34 | mapsman



@mapsman Hi Tim....and so the trudge to June begins eh?? :) #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:34 | dmchugh675



#niedchat John in Mayo who now has switched off the TV which will help with his typing

26-Sep-12 19:34 | johnmayo



@johnmayo Hi John. Not sure what the situation is with Classroom assistants in the south. #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:35 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 #niedchat does it ever stop? Anyone else feel this is the busiest September ever?

26-Sep-12 19:35 | mapsman



@dmchugh675 #niedchat finding out what they are ;-P

26-Sep-12 19:35 | johnmayo



@mapsman @dmchugh675 I hear you, brother. #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:35 | dmurray742



#Niedchat Barra Ó Muirí, Gaelscoil in Crossmaglen, evening all!

26-Sep-12 19:36 | murraybarry



liam o manacháin from @stmarkswpoint #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:36 | LiamOManachain



Let's get started and see where it goes. What do we consider the role of the Classroom Assistant to be? #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:36 | dmchugh675



@dmurray742 @dmchugh675 #Niedchat
Agreed Daithi! That is what they are there for. Is it just to access the curriculum or push them?

26-Sep-12 19:39 | mapsman



@mapsman Do we all appreciate the difference Tim? #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:39 | dmchugh675



@mapsman @dmchugh675 To lower/remove the barrier of access? #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:39 | dmurray742



#Niedchat has just started. Why not join in the conversation!

26-Sep-12 19:40 | Nledchat



#niedchat - Hello everyone, have I missed loads? :)

26-Sep-12 19:40 | medv2



@dmchugh675 #Nledchat I'm not sure I know the diff but I get told the difference

26-Sep-12 19:40 | mapsman



@medv2 #niedchat Hi Donna! We're only getting warmed up!

26-Sep-12 19:40 | mapsman



@medv2 Hello Donna! We're just gettin goin. #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:41 | dmchugh675



i suppose its a lot to do with what they consider their role to be. For many its help write notes and hw into diaries.
#niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:42 | LiamOManachain



RT @cmccoy605: Teaching in pictures #niedchat <http://t.co/mbzMLk9L>

26-Sep-12 19:42 | df_lane



Is it reasonable to suggest that such a costly resource could be used more effectively to support T&L? In post-primary definitely #Nledchat

26-Sep-12 19:43 | dmurray742



@LiamOManachain Should that be their role? Copying notes? #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:43 | dmchugh675



@dmurray742 #Nledchat Here we go! I do agree. Certainly I know that I am not good enough in how I work alongside CA's.

26-Sep-12 19:44 | mapsman



How do PP's manage wrkn relationships w/ CAs 2 ensure best 4 student, is it diff w/ so many teachers involved?
#niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:44 | medv2



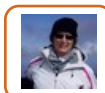
@dmurray742 definitely a better opp for teacher and CA in primary setting to plan together. Can't really happen in Sec Ed. #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:44 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 @dmurray742 #niedchat Also depends on your teaching style!

26-Sep-12 19:46 | mapsman



@dmurray742 #Niedchat this is assuming the responsibility lies wiv CA - is this core to the issue?

26-Sep-12 19:46 | medv2



@lcgeography @mapsman I'd love to have them as part of planning a lesson-get their input & ask what would suit their student best. #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:47 | dmurray742



@lcgeography #niedchat Welcome sir!

26-Sep-12 19:47 | mapsman



@mapsman @dmchugh675 Teaching style? or learning style? #Niedchat ;)

26-Sep-12 19:47 | dmurray742



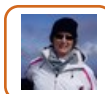
@lcgeography @dmurray742 @mapsman Leading break-out groups during activities...although I know not all would be confident enough. #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:47 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 it is def part of it. But question is to what greater extent can we utilise their support #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:48 | LiamOManachain



@dmchugh675 so who do CA's take direction from in PP? SEN? Reg Tutor? Year Head? Class teacher? #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:49 | medv2



@medv2 @dmchugh675 In our place the SENCo -some will ask teacher what they are to do in lesson, others follow the student & assist #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:49 | dmurray742



@LiamOManachain I think works well in PS's where there is 2way communication between Class teacher & CA #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:49 | medv2



Conversations with CAs are usually a rushed hello at the beginning of a lesson as I try to find the remote for the IWB. No time! #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:50 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 Snap! #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:50 | dmurray742



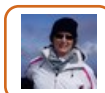
@dmchugh675 So we need school managements to create time and space for a proper conversation to begin and develop... #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:50 | dmurray742



@lcgeography #niedchat 1. Talk about aims of lessons 2. Talk about key tasks and what I am looking for 3. Get them to tak initiative!

26-Sep-12 19:51 | mapsman



@dmurray742 I cn C y the question 4 2nite was raised then & the potential of not maximising their potential cotnribution #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:51 | medv2



@C_w_b_h Often they are assigned mundane tasks....photocopying, stapling booklets. Not a good use of resources. #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:53 | dmchugh675



@mapsman @dmchugh675 But Tim, surely the other adult can help you share the focus better. Take the pressure off, lighten the load?#Niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:53 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 #niedchat Very much so! Teacher as controller.

26-Sep-12 19:53 | mapsman



@dmurray742 CA's should be allowed to reach their full potential and feel valued as a member of school team #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:53 | medv2



RT @medv2: @dmurray742 CA's should be allowed to reach their full potential and feel valued as a member of school team #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:54 | dmurray742



@LITTLELADYJAYNE I hear that all the time from my PS colleagues, but not reflected in PPS - why is this? #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:54 | dmurray742



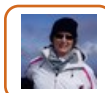
@dmurray742 @dmchugh675 #Niedchat I agree totally Daithi! It should help and I have some great people who come into my room to help but ..

26-Sep-12 19:55 | mapsman



RT @LITTLELADYJAYNE: #niedchat CA in PS vital as it is a 2nd pair of eyes and ears in observation and assessment a good CA worth their ...

26-Sep-12 19:55 | dmchugh675



@mapsman et al Do you feel there is potential for CA to be a barrier between teacher and pupil if not managed correctly? #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:55 | medv2



My wife is a PS teacher w/ CAs. She will sumtimes use them to work with nonSEN pupils so she has more time with SEN pupils herself #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:55 | lcgeography



#niedchat so if u could have it as u want it what role would your CA fulfill? In an ideal world..

26-Sep-12 19:55 | C_w_b_h



@dmurray742 yes. What is the actual remit of a CA? Has that discussion ever been had? #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:55 | LiamOManachain



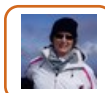
@LITTLELADYJAYNE Once again I am envious of PS. Definitely a more supportive environment. #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:56 | dmchugh675



@dmurray742 #niedchat .. it is easier to manage things myself. The sad reality is that time is the one thing we need to have!

26-Sep-12 19:56 | mapsman



@LITTLELADYJAYNE agreed 100% seems easier to relationships for the good of the pupil - though not always, needs managed too! #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:56 | medv2



@dmurray742 I didn't know there was a difference in filling that role and I would like to know exactly what a teacher needs #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:59 | C_w_b_h



@dmchugh675 @dmurray742 CAs can be brilliant - if we have time to plan things. Else, they end up photocopying (and wasted) #niedchat

26-Sep-12 19:59 | computing_teach



#Niedchat Are PPS teachers just control freaks? Do timetables and periods make us this way?

26-Sep-12 19:59 | mapsman



@mapsman Yeh I think so Tim... so much less scope for doing things over an elongated period of time. Too rushed! #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:00 | dmurray742



@medv2 @mapsman Definitely! A young teacher could well feel intimidated by an older (and wiser?) CA in the room! #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:00 | dmchugh675



What about 'Teaching Assistant' as an 'apprentice' pre-PGCE? Would make me more interested in their development #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:01 | computing_teach



@dmchugh675 @medv2 @mapsman They're both professionals -get on with it! Where's the learner in that crisis of confidence? #grenade #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:01 | dmurray742



@computing_teach I like that idea too... #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:01 | dmurray742



Are CA's formally trained? #niedchat silly question?

26-Sep-12 20:01 | C_w_b_h



How many of us actually ask the CA what they would 'like' to do in our rooms? #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:01 | dmchugh675



@C_w_b_h Yes. #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:01 | dmchugh675



#niedchat In my classroom I have got used to doing everything because I see a CA 2 lessons per week. It is a hard habit to break.

26-Sep-12 20:01 | mapsman



@mapsman I have friend who is PP CA & very dedicated but focus is all about the pupil,#niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:02 | medv2



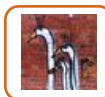
@dmchugh675 @medv2 @mapsman Like a young dr who can't ask a 40 yr old nurse for help, until someone's about to die?!! #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:02 | computing_teach



.....I never hear them speak about support of teacher, it all about practical issues and managing behaviour of pupil. #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:02 | medv2



RT @mapsman: Question: What is we need the CA's to actually do in our classrooms? #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:04 | C_w_b_h



@mapsman @dmurray742 @dmchugh675 @medv2 Both pros-but do teachers realise CAs can do more than p'copy and organise kids' bags? #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:05 | computing_teach



@dmchugh675 @mapsman How valuable is that feedback? More pertinent to enquire how do you think Jimmy/Sally coped with that lesson? #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:05 | dmurray742



@dmchugh675 Did once. They asked if they could check their emails. ;-) So I suggested a bit of paired reading! #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:05 | mapsman



@dmchugh675 @mapsman They can tell me my lessons are brilliant, or crap, any time (and have). Good to hear another adult's view! #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:06 | computing_teach



@dmchugh675 still needs managed, even knowledgable CA must knw & respect role of teacher. Needs careful management #BoGheadon #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:06 | medv2



@dmurray742 @dmchugh675 #niedchat Which of course we all do anyway! I admit that I always do try to chat to any CA in my room!

26-Sep-12 20:07 | mapsman



I don't think the CA has a role in critiquing the lesson (not their experience) - as I wouldn't tell the cook how to make soup. #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:07 | dmurray742



@medv2 Not sure all CAs who come into my room are comfortable with active learning techniques and focus on discovery learning. #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:07 | dmchugh675



@dmurray742 sounds like there needs to be space & time put aside to get best from this CA as a valuable resource? #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:08 | medv2



@dmchugh675 @medv2 Yeh I think you're right. Prob based on their own exp of learning. More training and convs with CA needed. #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:08 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 surely they could tell you if the objective had been achieved? #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:08 | dmchugh675



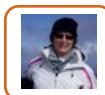
#niedchat I have to admit that our SENCO is great at telling us who support what child and what roles we should expect them to fulfil

26-Sep-12 20:08 | mapsman



@mapsman Ours too - v detailed plans and confidential info provided discreetly when requested. #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:09 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 agreed but value in giving feedback to teach of any issues or achievements or is this just pertinent in PS? #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:09 | medv2



@dmchugh675 Ok , I have to ask.... broadly speaking is the role of the CA to be seen and not heard in PP?
#Ducksquickly #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:12 | medv2



@medv2 #niedchat Like all professions . . there are good and bad. A good one will support the student and the teacher MIGHT not notice

26-Sep-12 20:14 | mapsman



@dmchugh675 @medv2 #niedchat Think I'm still too much of a control freak

26-Sep-12 20:14 | mapsman



@mapsman Really?? all that I have ever interviewed are well qualified for post, always lots of applicants always for any posts #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:15 | medv2



@mapsman @medv2 You'd still be in control... just delegating a role ;) #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:16 | dmchugh675



RT @dmchugh675: @mapsman @medv2 You'd still be in control... just delegating a role ;) #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:16 | dmurray742



@LITTLELADYJAYNE I think that's very true Jayne. It's the nature of our profession. Are we afraid to be learners in the process? #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:17 | dmurray742



@medv2 @mapsman I've seen lots of qualified teachers applying for and doing CA jobs. #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:17 | dmchugh675



@LITTLELADYJAYNE #niedchat I know I am very glad of CAs on fieldwork so I can delegate first aid and inhalers and focus on learning.

26-Sep-12 20:18 | mapsman



RT @LITTLELADYJAYNE: #niedchat Part of the problem appears to be teachers need to be in control of everything therefore CA are reluctant ...

26-Sep-12 20:19 | dmchugh675



@mapsman thr R WELB guidelines 4 min qualifications NVQ level 3 specifics etc we wld not B looking 4 degrees #niedchat #niechat

26-Sep-12 20:19 | medv2



Has anyone good exp of CA support using ICT in the classroom? #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:20 | dmurray742



@medv2 #niedchat Some of our best CAs have no qualifications at all in this area!

26-Sep-12 20:21 | mapsman



#niedchat kind of saddened to perceive from this chat that CA role isn't as vital/innovative/dynamic as I'd thought! Am I missing something?

26-Sep-12 20:21 | C_w_b_h



@dmchugh675 ok , so if time is a constraint, can technology assist in effective communication/ team approach? #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:21 | medv2



#niedchat @dmurray742 funny enough I know of some examples.....;)

26-Sep-12 20:24 | medv2



@medv2 I think people need time to chat and exchange ideas...preferably with tea and biscuits! #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:24 | dmchugh675



#Niedchat Most CAs can't get near a computer in school as they are being used by the kids. I can hear my SENCO now plaguing me for comps!

26-Sep-12 20:24 | mapsman



@medv2 iPads and Google Docs? I don't know one CA who would email me to tell me something about their student prior to class. #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:24 | dmurray742



In our place they are the most poorly served section of staff with regard to ICT.V little provision, and minimal training.#myfault #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:25 | dmurray742



OK...last 5mins!!!! So how do we change this poor state of affairs (if I've judged the general mood right) #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:25 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 #Niedchat I thought u lot never had time for tea & bikkies :P

26-Sep-12 20:26 | medv2



@mapsman iPads - cos they're on the move all the time. When Meru arrives this could work. #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:26 | dmurray742



What could you do tomorrow to improve things? #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:26 | dmchugh675



@medv2 I'm making time Donna...life's too short! #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:26 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 We need to talk to our CAs, insist on time being made available for this. #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:26 | dmurray742



#niedchat I have heard some innovative schools have a meeting place, a 'staff room' that can be used for such learning dialogue?

26-Sep-12 20:27 | mapsman



@mapsman Stuff and nonsense. #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:27 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 What about collaborative sharing of IEP along with multi-authored doc with input by all teachers/CA on progress ? #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:27 | medv2



RT @LITTLELADYJAYNE: #Niedchat more communication and less control freak lol

26-Sep-12 20:27 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 it makes review report time and IEP easier for SENCo also #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:29 | medv2



@dmchugh675 #niedchat Perfect for REAL social networking!

26-Sep-12 20:30 | mapsman



@mapsman @dmchugh675 It'll never catch on. #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:30 | dmurray742



@mapsman I have a dream.... that there is potential to extend this environment , am seeing a little bluebird..... #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:30 | medv2



Time up! Thanks a lot folks. Really enjoyed that. Don't forget about TMBelfat2 on 19th Oct - <http://t.co/WRkUB1Iz> #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:30 | dmchugh675



#niedchat thanks all. Good insight gained #novice

26-Sep-12 20:31 | C_w_b_h



@dmchugh675 LOL, she will prob tell you its not in her job description ;) #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:31 | medv2



Thanks Damien - a difficult chat tonight but a worthy one. #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:31 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 we should have the CAs with us for staff days instead of shipping them out when we talk 'teacher stuff' #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:31 | LiamOManachain



@C_w_b_h Cheers Chris.It was good to get your perspective. #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:32 | dmchugh675



@LiamOManachain Agreed. It's inhumane and unprofessional and isolates immediately. I don't like it. #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:32 | dmurray742



RT @LiamOManachain: @dmurray742 we shld have the CAs w/ us 4 staff days instead of shipping them out when we talk 'teacher stuff' #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:32 | medv2



@dmchugh675 #Niedchat Nice one Damian! We all feel suitably chastised!

26-Sep-12 20:32 | mapsman



@LITTLELADYJAYNE Bye Jane. Thanks for giving us the Primary perspective... sometimes gets overlooked a bit. #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:33 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 Ta Damien, very interesting to draw comparison between primary and Post primary - food for thought #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:34 | medv2



@LiamOManachain Brave enough to suggest it to SLT or is it too soon? ;) #Niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:39 | dmurray742



@medv2 Thanks for your probing questions Donna. You know how to keep us on our toes! #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:41 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 aw no! was it I that 'chastised' Tim? I on side of teach & knw time is an issue - I see it as a challenge for SLT #niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:42 | medv2



@mapsman that often the case but in PSs, folk like that dont even get interview cos of shortlisting :(#niedchat

26-Sep-12 20:45 | medv2



#niedchat hi folks, sorry for late attendance - enough wakes this week to do me a lifetime! Trying to catch upon what's been said tonight

26-Sep-12 20:48 | cillian_walsh